

random things that went wrong at work, that were my fault: Emu Oil (2009)

This one is fairly recent. Last month I walked into the vitamin department, where a coworker was telling a customer all about emu oil. The customer had it slathered all up and down her arms, going, oooh, it's so rich, and ahhh, how lovely! and stuff like that. The lady then asked my coworker, where does it come from? She glanced over at me. We both went blank.

Then it hit me. I thought I knew. I thought of birds, and ducks, and oily feathers. I thought of glands. I thought of swollen glands on dogs, you know where. I thought of dogs going to the vet to have said glands expressed.

And somehow, in my chain-reaction thinking process, I made the positive connection: that emu oil comes from glands located 'neath their tail feathers. I just guessed that's where the glands would be, seeing as how that's how dogs are. I wasn't making any of this up. I'm the very first to say, "I don't know" to a customer's question. But this one I was sure of.

So my reply was, "It comes from their glands".

The lady said, "which glands?these glands?" (pointing to her neck.)

I said, "No.... these glands!" (and I jokingly pointed to my butt.)

Yes.

I really did that.

Once she realized what I was saying, she glanced down at her oily arms and hands and exclaimed, "EEEEEEWWWWWWWWWWWW". It was in a disgusted way.

I turned red, like I always do, but I mentally patted myself on the back for knowing exactly where it came from.

Then, as I laid in bed that night waiting on sleep, I bolted up. It hit me.

Emu oil does NOT come from expressed swollen anal glands. No, it was something else...

So I got up and googled it. As it turns out, the oil is all throughout the bird and the bird is actually killed. The meat is used, and the oil that we sell is a by-product sort of thing.

Ok. Whatever.

I'm talking about this today because I slept way too long today and ended up having lots of fragmented bizarre dreams, one of which involved a puppy, and somebody just picked it up, popped off the tail, and

nevermind